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RHODE ISLAND EMPLOYMENT DECREASES SLIGHTLY TO 437,600 IN FEBRUARY

Overall Rhode Island establishment employment declined by 500 in February primarily due to seasonal decreases in the Nonmanufacturing sector, which more than offset gains in several Manufacturing industries, reported John S. Renza, Director of the Rhode Island Department of Employment Security.

According to preliminary estimates prepared by the Department of Employment Security, in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics, Rhode Island employment totalled 437,600 in February. Although this figure represents a decrease of 500 from the January level of 438,100, it is 8,200 jobs above the February 1986 total of 429,400.

MANUFACTURING

Overall Manufacturing employment increased by 700 in the January-February period. In addition, the current factory total of 119,200 is 800 more than the year earlier figure of 118,400. In the Durable Goods category, the February employment level of 81,800 was up 600 from last month and was 700 greater than the total recorded a year ago. Employment in the Nondurable Goods sector increased by 100 on both a monthly and an annual basis to the current level of 37,400.

Within the Durable Goods category, the largest monthly job gains were posted in Jewelry-Silverware (+400) and the Miscellaneous Manufacturing sector (+300), followed by an upturn of 100 in Stone-Clay-Glass. In contrast, declines of 100 jobs each were registered in Lumber/Furniture and Fabricated Metals, while employment in the remaining Durable Goods industries showed no change from last month. Compared to a year ago, payroll advances of 200 each occurred in Stone-Clay-Glass, Fabricated Metals, Nonelectrical Machinery and the Miscellaneous Manufacturing seg-

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EMPLOYERS! HELP YOURSELF BY HELPING YOUTH THIS SUMMER

This summer you can give a young person the chance of a life-time - for a life-time of success.

Your firm or business can save in taxes by taking a credit for hiring young people for summer jobs. The Targeted Jobs Tax Credit allows you to give young people an opportunity for a job and give your business a tax break at the same time.

By hiring an eligible young person between May 1 and September 15 you can earn a tax credit of 85% of the first $3,000 paid in wages to each eligible employee for a maximum credit of $2,550.

To be eligible, the youth must be:

- -16-17 years of age
- -Economically disadvantaged
- -First-time employee of your company
- -Employed a minimum of 14 days or 20 hours

The Targeted Jobs Tax Credit program is different and its easy. Only two simple forms are used to establish the new worker's eligibility for the credit. The Rhode Island Job Service will do the determination for you.

List your TJTC Summer Youth job orders with the Rhode Island Job Service. Call 277-3588 or any local office listed on page two of this Bulletin.

JOB SERVICE

RHODE ISLAND JOB SERVICE OFFICES

BRISTOL COUNTY, 470 Metacom Ave. 245-9300
EAST PROVIDENCE, 877 Broadway 277-3546
NEWPORT COUNTY, 73 Valley Road
Middletown, ...847-3680
PAWTUCKET, 109 Main St. 722-7500
PROVIDENCE, 130 West Exchange St.
Employer Services 277-3573
Jewelry 277-3553
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WAKEFIELD, Washington County Gov't. Center
Tower Hill Road 789-9721
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WESTERLY, 57 Spruce Street. 596-2814
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OTHER JOB SERVICE TELEPHONE NUMBERS
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EMPLOYMENT SERVICE ACTIVITIES

	Feb. 1987	Jan. 1987	Feb. 1986
Total Placements	780	646	1,089
New Applications	2,171	2,073	3,741
New Openings Rec'd.	1,544	1,257	1,975

EMPLOYMENT SECURITY ACTIVITIES

	Feb. 1987	Jan. 1987	% Change Jan. 1987
Initial Claims	7,745	11,198	- 30.8
No. of Payments	59,623	60,639	- 1.7
Amt. of Payments	$ 8,174,643	$ 8,104,353	+ 0.9
Exhaustions	935	968	- 3.4

TEMPORARY DISABILITY INSURANCE ACTIVITIES

	Feb. 1987	Jan. 1987	Feb. 1986
Initial Claims	3,490	3,903	3,434
No. of Payments	23,801	23,706	21,748
Amt. of Payments	$ 3,651,452	$ 3,540,821	$ 2,851,713

RHODE ISLAND
Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates
(In thousands)

	Feb. 1987	Jan. 1987	Feb. 1986
Civilian Labor Force	504.9	505.4	500.8
Unemployment	23.6	22.8	25.5
Rate (Unadjusted)	4.7	4.5	5.1
Seas. Adjusted Rate	4.0	3.8	4.4

PROVIDENCE
Primary Metropolitan Statistical Area
Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates
(In thousands)

	Jan. 1987	Dec. 1986	Jan. 1986
Civilian Labor Force	330.1	339.5	325.2
Unemployment	14.1	12.2	15.9
Rate (Unadjusted)	4.3	3.6	4.9

PAWTUCKET-WOONSOCKET-ATTLEBORO
Primary Metropolitan Statistical Area
Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates
(In thousands)

	Jan. 1987	Dec. 1986	Jan. 1986
Civilian Labor Force	164.4	166.9	164.5
Unemployment	9.0	7.2	9.6
Rate (Unadjusted)	5.5	4.3	5.8

NEWPORT Labor Area
Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates

	Jan. 1987	Dec. 1986	Jan. 1986
Civilian Labor Force	33,575	34,400	32,840
Unemployment	1,365	1,120	1,585
Rate (Unadjusted)	4.1	3.3	4..8

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE INSURED UNEMPLOYED
FEBURARY 16-20, 1987

Sex and Age	Number	Percent
Total	17,204	100.0
Men	10,275	59.7
Under 45	7,303	71.1
45 and over	2,972	28.9
Women	6,929	40.3
Under 45	4,241	61.2
45 and Over	2,688	38.8
Industry Attachment		
Contract Construction	3,151	18.3
Manufactruing	5,779	33.6
Public Utilities	1,046	6.1
Wholesale and Retail	2,046	11.9
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	433	2.5
Service	2,240	13.0
All Other	2,509	14.6
Occupational Skills		
Prof., Tech. and Managerial	1,150	6.7
Clerical and Sales	2,240	13.0
Service	1,613	9.4
Fishery, Forestry & Rel. Occ.	911	5.3
Processing	702	4.1
Machine Trades	2,046	11.9
Bench Work	2,375	13.8
Structural Work	3,480	20.2
Miscellaneous	1,762	10.2
INA	925	5.4

TOTAL ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYMENT IN RHODE ISLAND

	EMPLOYMENT IN THOUSANDS			NET CHANGE FROM	
	Feb. 1987	Jan. 1987	Feb. 1986	Jan. 1987	Feb. 1986
TOTAL EMPLOYMENT *	437.6	438.1	429.4	- 500	+ 8200
MANUFACTURING	119.2	118.5	118.4	+ 700	+ 800
NONMANUFACTURING	318.4	319.6	311.0	- 1200	+ 7400
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	15.4	15.8	14.0	- 400	+ 1400
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	14.6	14.6	14.0	-	+ 600
TRADE (Wholesale & Retail)	96.3	97.1	94.0	- 800	+ 2300
FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE	25.0	25.1	24.4	- 100	+ 600
SERVICE (Miscellaneous)	108.6	108.3	105.6	+ 300	+ 3000
GOVERNMENT (Federal, State & Local)	58.5	58.7	59.0	- 200	- 500

1987 Figures are PRELIMINARY. 1986 Figures are REVISED. Estimates are for Pay Period which includes the 12th of the month.

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* Farmers, Self-employed, Domestic and Armed Services personnel are excluded.
** Labor Dispute

ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYMENT, EARNINGS AND HOURS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES IN R.I.

	EMPLOYMENT					PRODUCTION-WORKER AVERAGES					
	In Thousands			Net Change From		Weekly Earnings		Weekly Hours		Hourly Earnings	
INDUSTRY GROUP	Feb. 1987	Jan. 1987	Feb. 1986	Jan. 1987	Feb. 1986	Feb. 1987	Feb. 1986	Feb. 1987	Feb. 1986	Feb. 1987	Feb. 1986
ALL MANUFACTURING	119.2	118.5	118.4	+ 700	+ 800	330.89	314.74	40.6	40.3	8.15	7.81
DURABLE GOODS	81.8	81.2	81.1	+ 600	+ 700	327.22	315.90	40.8	40.5	8.02	7.80
LUMBER/FURNITURE	3.2	3.3	3.1	- 100	+ 100	378.62	377.48	40.8	41.3	9.28	9.14
STONE-CLAY-GLASS	1.7	1.6	1.5	+ 100	+ 200	406.14	381.20	40.9	40.0	9.93	9.53
PRIMARY METALS	5.5	5.5	5.7	-	- 200	392.12	383.18	42.3	43.2	9.27	8.87
FABRICATED METALS	9.8	9.9	9.6	- 100	+ 200	302.00	279.74	40.0	39.4	7.55	7.10
NONELECTRIC MACH.	5.8*	5.8*	5.6*	-	+ 200	444.27	431.48	43.9	44.3	10.12	9.74
ELECTRICAL MACHINERY	12.2	12.2	12.2	-	-	307.89	304.78	40.3	40.8	7.64	7.47
TRANSPORTATION EQUIP.	9.4	9.4	9.3	-	+ 100	425.49	409.42	40.6	40.1	10.48	10.21
INSTRUMENTS	5.0*	5.0*	5.0*	-	-	329.96	306.50	41.4	41.5	7.97	7.39
JEWELRY-SILVERWARE	23.7	23.3	23.8	+ 400	- 100	260.18	255.67	40.4	40.2	6.44	6.36
MISCELLANEOUS MFG.	5.5	5.2	5.3	+ 300	+ 200	242.56	235.63	34.9	34.6	6.95	6.81
NONDURABLE GOODS	37.4	37.3	37.3	+ 100	+ 100	331.17	312.80	39.9	40.0	8.30	7.82
FOOD-BEVERAGE	3.3	3.4	3.4	- 100	- 100	277.11	253.26	37.6	37.8	7.37	6.70
TEXTILES	10.3	10.2	10.4	+ 100	- 100	306.94	295.18	41.2	41.4	7.45	7.13
APPAREL	3.0	2.9	3.0	+ 100	-	284.18	273.41	42.1	41.3	6.75	6.62
PAPER PRODUCTS	2.4	2.4	2.4	-	-	295.51	292.93	41.1	41.2	7.19	7.11
PRINTING-PUBLISHING	6.7	6.8	6.4	- 100	+ 300	412.18	410.58	37.1	38.3	11.11	10.72
CHEMICAL PRODUCTS	3.1	3.1	3.1	-	-	420.43	406.81	40.7	40.6	10.33	10.02
RUBBER PRODUCTS	1.3	1.2	1.2	+ 100	+ 100	341.54	315.19	41.6	40.1	8.21	7.86
PLASTICS PRODUCTS	5.1	5.1	5.1	-	-	336.20	304.58	41.1	39.3	8.18	7.75
LEATHER PRODUCTS	2.2	2.2	2.3	-	- 100	234.02	215.00	39.8	38.6	5.88	5.57

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WHENEVER YOU NEED WORKERS CONTACT RHODE ISLAND JOB SERVICE

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ment. Also up from their year ago job levels were Lumber/Furniture and Transportation Equipment (+100 each). Conversely, annual downturns were reported in Primary Metals (-200) and Jewelry-Silverware (-100). Employment in Electrical Machinery and Instruments was unchanged for the twelve month period.

Among the Nondurable Goods producing industries, monthly payroll advances of 100 each in Textiles, Apparel and Rubber Products overshadowed decreases of 100 each in Food-Beverage and Printing-Publishing. Job levels in the remaining Nondurable Goods industries showed no change for the month. Compared to February 1986, the most noteworthy job gain (+300) was evident in Printing-Publishing, followed by an increase of 100 in Rubber Products. Annual employment reductions of 100 each occurred in Food-Beverage, Textiles and Leather Products. Payroll levels in the remaining Nondurable Goods industries showed no change from February 1986.

NONMANUFACTURING

Total employment in Rhode Island's Nonmanufacturing establishments declined by 1,200 from January to February, mainly due to continued seasonal layoffs in Wholesale and Retail Trade and Contract Construction. Nevertheless, the February employment level of 318,400 was 7,400 greater than the year ago total of 311,000.

The Services category posted the sole monthly increase in the Nonmanufacturing sector, adding 300 workers. At 108,600, this segment was up 3,000 from a year ago. Wholesale and Retail Trade payrolls declined by 800 for the month to the current level of 96,300, but this represents a gain of 2,300 compared to a year ago. Also reporting a seasonal drop was the Contract Construction industry, which fell by 400 jobs to 15,400; however, this was an increase of 1,400 from one year ago in February. Government employment at 58,500, and Finance, Insurance and Real Estate, at 25,000, posted monthly declines of 200 and 100, respectively. On an annual comparison, the former declined 500, while the latter segment advanced by 600. Although Transportation and Public Utilities employment registered no change for the January-February period, its current total of 14,600 was 600 higher than the year earlier figure.

HOURS AND EARNINGS

Average hourly earnings for Rhode Island's production workers rose by 4 cents to $8.15 in mid-February; this represents a gain of 34 cents compared to one year ago. The average work week decreased by 0.2 of an hour in February to 40.6 hours, but was up 0.3 of an hour from the February 1986 work week. Average weekly earnings for Rhode Island's production workers in February amounted to $330.89. While this figure shows no change from last month, it is $16.15 more than the year earlier figure.

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